

The Cyber Security Crisis

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The State of Cybersecurity

- Overwhelming vulnerabilities
 - About 4000 in each of 2003, 2004
 - Almost 4600 in 2005
 - New ones reported @ 20 per day
 - 3/4 were simple design flaws
- Well over 120,000 known viruses & worms
 - New ones reported at a rate of 50 per day
- Large-scale attacks doubling per year





The Problem is Growing

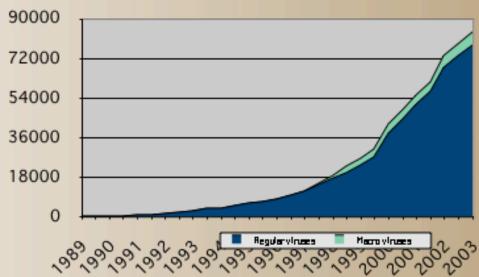
- Damages "hidden" but mounting
 - Viruses alone projected at over \$60B damage per year
 - Worldwide losses from all causes in excess of \$105 Billion
 - Spam is 90% of email at some ISPs
- Organized cyber crime is increasing
- Identity theft is #1 growth crime in US
- 1 Billion online users; 2 billion by 2015

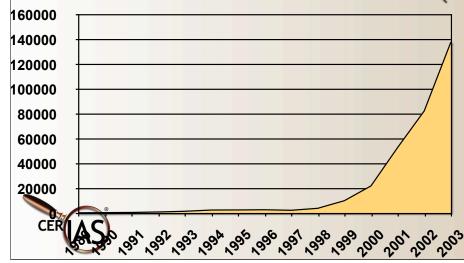




Recent Trends

Reported Viruses





Attacks Reported by CERT



Why?

Why is our information security bad, and getting worse?





Design is unsound

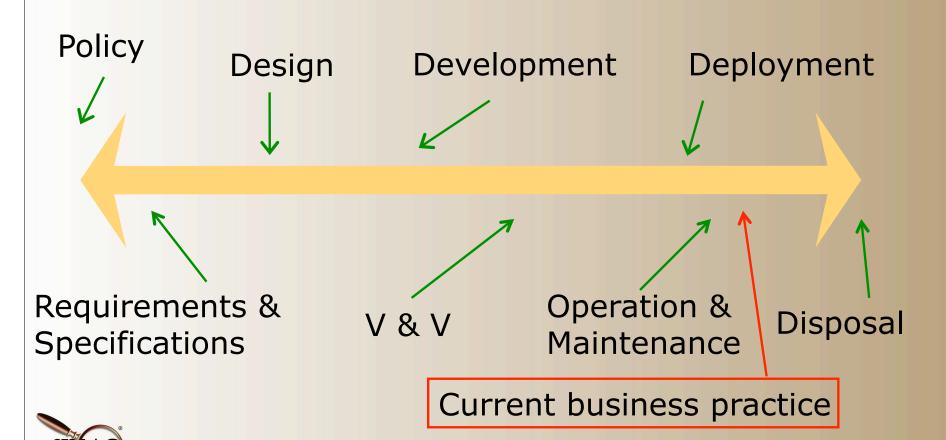
- Increasing features & size of platforms
- Not based on secure design principles
- Coded by untrained personnel
- Confusing & unnecessary options
- Inconsistent configurations
- Forced by revenue cycles







Where We Currently Assure





Operation is Unsafe

- Culture of patching
- Overly homogenous
- Acceptance of failures
- Myth of general purpose
- Myth of the perimeter







Insufficient Expertise

- Infosec requires more than CS
- Too few educational programs
- Insufficient support of R&D training
- Mistaking hacking for expertise
- Work overload







Failing to understand the problem

It's the information, not the computer!

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Failing to understand the threat.

Related to not understanding the motives and methods of the attackers.







Failing to include the people

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Failure to build to a sound design.

Too much accommodation of bad legacy code.







Placing too much trust in market pressure to provide highly-trustable systems ... and then not using the market to good effect!

Microsoft Publishes Windows 2000 Bug List!!

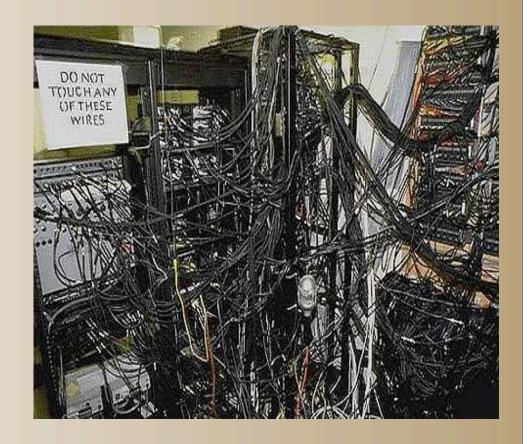


Microsoft today published the full bug list for its Windows 2000 operating system. For the first time ever, all known and reported bugs are to be made available to the public. Mr Hyan-Lee of Japan (photographed above) made the mistake of printing the whole list





Relying on patching instead of on getting it right the first time.







Major Failure #7

A failure to protect holistically.

Point protection is necessary but not sufficient.







- Failure to provide any adequate deterrence in addition to protection
 - lack of tools
 - lack of funding
 - lack of priority
 - international

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Too much information is kept out of the hands of people who can use it

- Company reticence
- Over-classification

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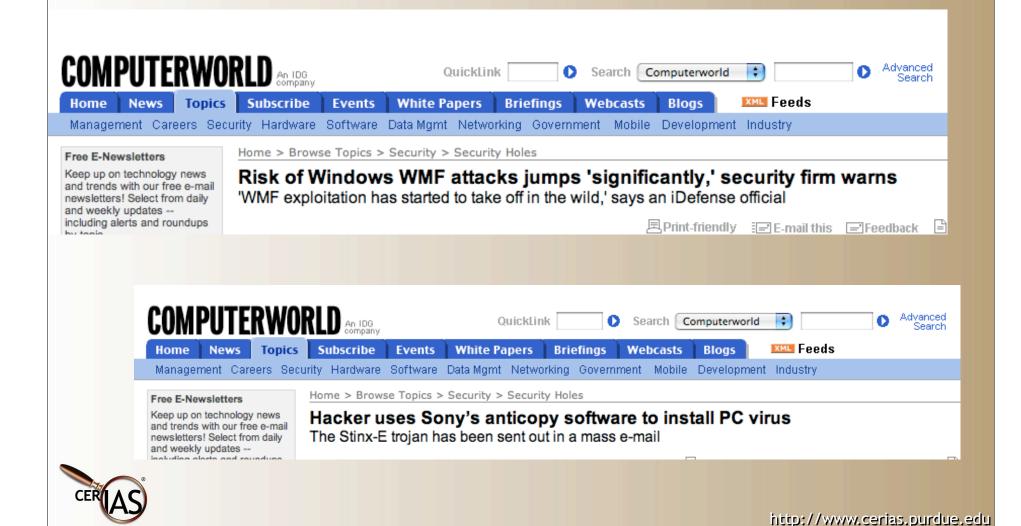


Who Can We Depend On?





The Vendors?





Law Enforcement?

- Limited tools
- Limited personnel
- Overemphasis on anti-terrorism
- International issues
- Limited prosecution







DHS?



GAO report questions DHS cybersecurity efforts

Homeland security department needs better partnerships with private industry and stronger cybersecurity leadership, report finds

By Grant Gross, IDG News Service

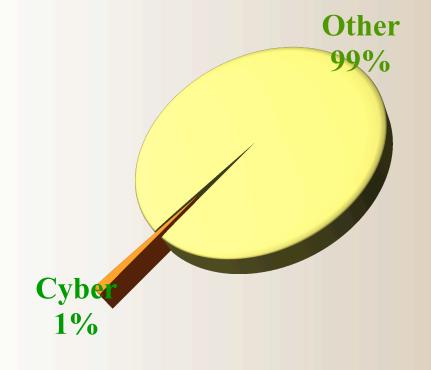
May 26, 2005

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has failed to fulfill the cybersecurity responsibilities it has been assigned since its creation in January 2003, according to a government report released Thursday.





For example: DHS Attention



Research budget of \$1.3 Billion

More is likely being spent to prevent you from taking nail clippers onboard airplanes than is being spent on Cyber Security.





How about the Dept. of Defense?





Federal Computer Security Grades 2001-2005

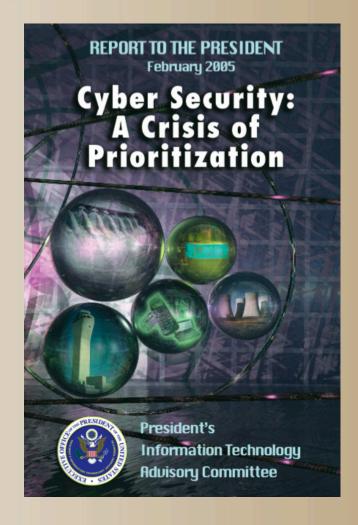
| Agency | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 | 2004 | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 | 2002 | 2001 | 2001 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Score | Grade |
| Agriculture | 24 | F | 49.5 | F | 40 | F | 36 | F | 31 | F |
| AID | 100 | A+ | 99 | A+ | 70.5 | C- | 52 | F | 22 | F |
| Commerce | 67 | D+ | 56.5 | F | 72.5 | C- | 68 | D+ | 51 | F |
| DOD** | 38.75 | F | 65 | D | 65.5 | D | 38 | F | 40 | F |
| Education | 71 | C- | 76.5 | C | 77 | C+ | 66 | D | 33 | F |
| Energy | 46.75 | F | 48.5 | F | 59.5 | F | 41 | F | 51 | F |
| EPA | 97.5 | A+ | 84 | В | 74.5 | C | 63 | D- | 69 | D+ |
| GSA | 92.5 | A- | 79.5 | C+ | 65 | D | 64 | D | 66 | D |
| HHS | 45.5 | F | 49.5 | F | 54 | F | 61 | D- | 43 | F |
| DHS | 33.5 | F | 20.5 | F | 34 | F | | | | |
| HUD | 67.5 | D+ | 28 | F | 40 | F | 48 | F | 66 | D |
| Interior | 41.5 | F | 77 | C+ | 43 | F | 37 | F | 48 | F |
| Justice | 66.5 | F | 82.5 | В- | 55.5 | F | 56 | F | 50 | F |
| Labor | 99 | A+ | 83 | В- | 86.5 | В | 79 | C+ | 56 | F |
| NASA | 80 | B- | 60 | D- | 60.5 | D- | 68 | D+ | 70 | C- |
| NRC | 60.5 | D- | 88 | B+ | 94.5 | A | 74 | C | 34 | F |
| NSF | 95 | A | 77.5 | C+ | 90.5 | A- | 63 | D- | 87 | B+ |
| OPM | 98 | A+ | 72.5 | C- | 61.5 | D- | 52 | F | 39 | F |
| SBA | 78 | C+ | 60 | D- | 71 | C- | 48 | F | 48 | F |
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| Transportation | 71.5 | C- | 91.5 | Α- | 69 | D+ | 28 | F | 48 | F |
| Treasury** | 60.5 | D- | 68 | D+ | 64 | D | 48 | F | 54 | F |
| VA** | 46 | F | 50 | F | 76.5 | C | 50 | F | 44 | F |
| Government- wide Average | 67.4 | D+ | 67.3 | D+ | 65 | D | 55 | F | 53 | F |





Don't They Know?

- Reported to President Bush in 2/05
- Results:
 - Committee dissolved
 - Most of the recommendations ignored
 - Funding actually cut

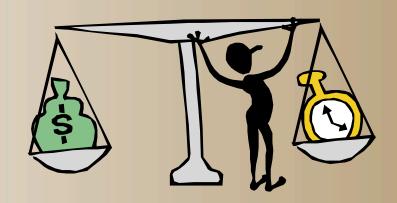






Need Balance in Research

- What are the systems after next?
- Need to grow the talent pool
- Need significant investment in R&D with longer focus
- Need investment in law enforcement
 - Includes reporting







Current research

Mostly focused on fixing the past, on MilSec or on IP rights

Fixes for Windows, Linux, TCP/IP v4 ...

There is far more needed:

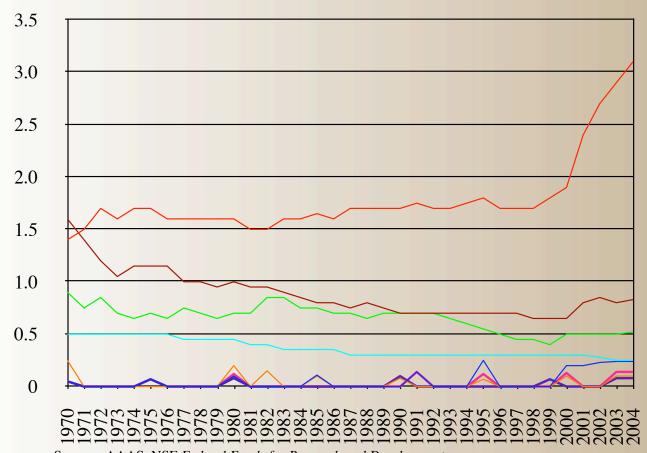
Malware, program flaws, privacy mechanisms, authentication, forensics, protocols, MLS design, intrusion detection and prevention, covert channels, crypto, digital cash, datamining, cyber terrorism, security architecture, residues, data pedigree, self-checking code, DRM, ...





Federal Research Funding Share of GDP: 1970-2004

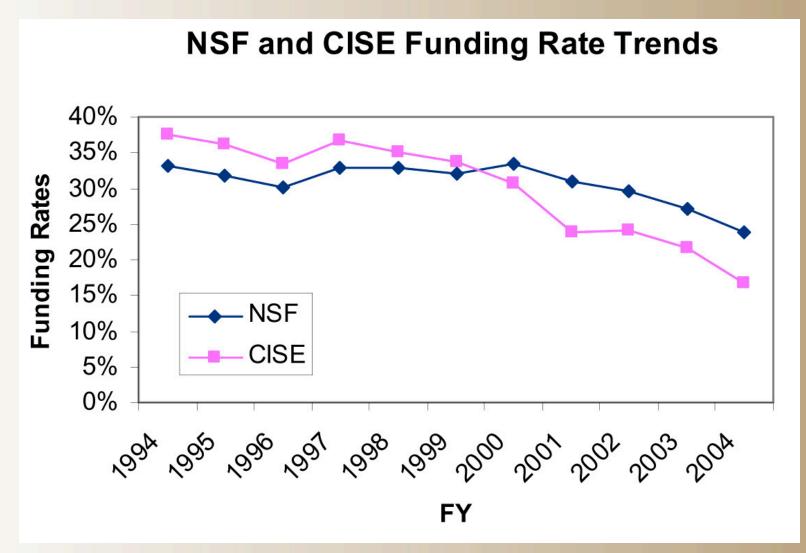
(obligations; ratio x 1000)



- Life Scis.
- Engineering
- Physical Scis.
- Env.Scis.
- Math/Comp. Scis.
- Social Sciences
- Psychology
- Other*

^{*} Other includes research not classified (excludes development and R&D facilities)

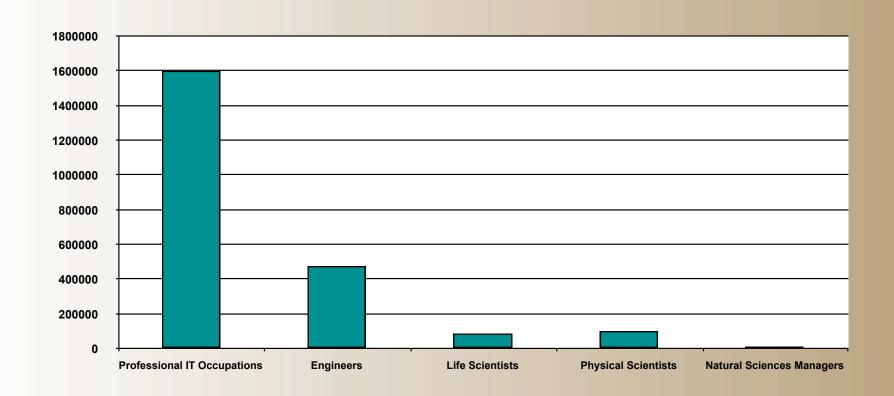








IT, Science and Engineering Occupational Projections, 2002-2012

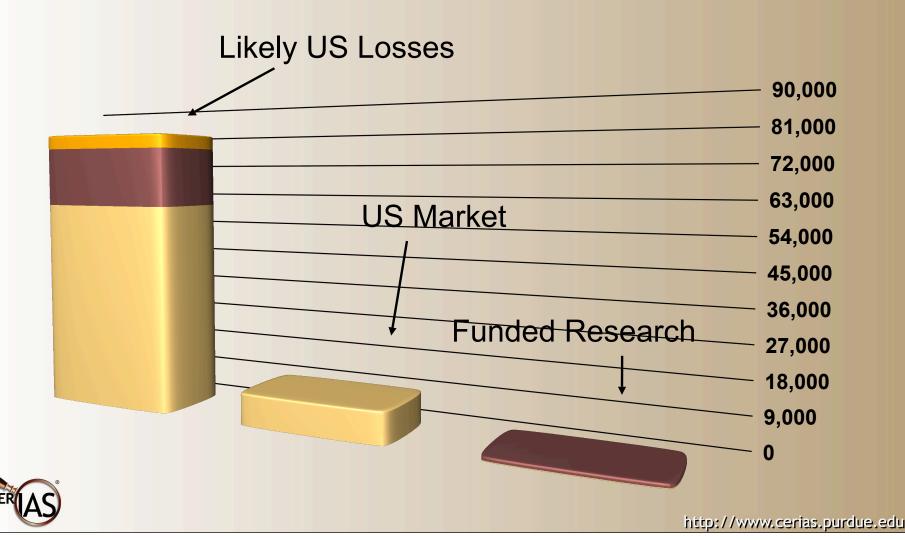




John Sargent, Senior Policy Analyst, U.S. Department of Commerce, presented to the Computing Research Association, 2/2004



Funding out-of-balance





What is Congress Doing?





On the Defense Cheney defends electronic surveillance of suspected Al Qaeda intimates

Video: Terror Threats



Terror at the Movies Video: Hollywood take the War on Terror, cas the usual antagonists ir sympathetic light

E-MAIL STORY

PRINTER FRIENDLY

FOXFAN CENTRAL

Federal Spending on R&D Drops

Sunday, January 01, 2006 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense and space projects account for most increases in the \$135 billion federal research and development budget next year, worrying scientists who fear that after years of growth the nation is beginning to skimp on technology that fuels marketplace innovation.

STORIES

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The realignment by Congress



Not to Mention Things Such as the DMCA....

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Dire, but not Hopeless

- Small, but growing number of dedicated researchers
- Active, concerned professional & commercial associations
 - E.g. CSIA
- Increasing public awareness that there is a problem
- President's ACI....if it happens





Perhaps, most of all...

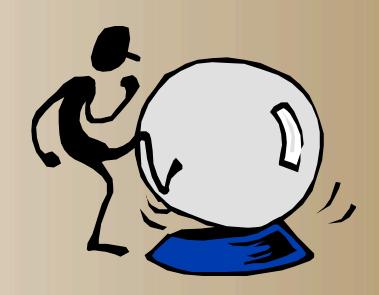
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The Future Does *Not* Need to Look Like the Present

- Change requires
 - Will
 - Investment
 - People
- Need a total approach
- Build trust
 - More than simply security







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